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WHY TAX COFFEE?



ORE coffee is drunk in the United States than beer and whiskey combined. As a beverage coffee is more popular than tea, milk and chocolate. The only fluid of which a larger quantity pours down the United States throat is water.

Also the less the family income the greater the proportion of coffee to other beverages. Day laborers have no 5 o'clock tea. Women who cook their family's breakfast do not

have a cup of chocolate in bed. Coffee is now on the free list. Therefore nothing is more suitable than coffee on which to impose a tax that people of wealth would pay little and that people of small means would pay much.

That is one of the reasons why the highly protected trusts and their friends on the House Committee on Ways and Means intimate that a five-cent a pound tax on coffee would make up the deficiency in the national revenue caused by extravagance.

Besides the revenue argument, committees of coffee planters from Porto Rico, the Philippines and Hawaii sre advocating a five-cent coffee tax so arranged that coffee from their plantations would get in tax free and have a bonus of five cents a pound.

The average consumption of coffee in the United States is eleven pounds. The poorer the family the more coffee they drink in proportion to their consumption of other beverages. The tax on each family of this city would be \$3.30 a year, with the addition of the importers', jobbers', distributors' and retailers' profits on the increased price.

Five dollars a year is a modest estimate. How many families are willing to contribute \$5 a year to make Porto Rico and Hawaii prosperous? How many families prefer to pay more for their coffee than to have the tariff limited to a revenue basis.

There is already a tax on shoes, a tax on clothes and a tax on sugar. The Standard Oil collects its own tax on kerosene and the packers' trust on meat, and the commission houses or vegetables. The

existence of coffee almost alone untaxed is a daily invitation to tax it

Every man who objects to paying a coffee tax rather than to reduce a trust made tariff should write to his representative and Senators in Washington and say so. Far better would it be to untax many things taxed now. Untax leather and hides



cheaper. Untax

The whiriwind was still whirling in the room, chairs were being upset, the bed itself was pushed aside from the looks, and the bed itself was pushed aside from the looks, some of the children's look at this cupboard! Who put seif. Look at this cupboard! Who put self. Look at this cupboard. The other portion of the table. cheaper. Untax lumber that building may be cheaper. Untax sugar. Have as few taxes as possible and those as light as possible, and then the whirlwind spoke: run the Government economically.

What extravagant government wastes comes out of the pockets of those who can spare it least!

Letters From the People

"Looie the Bowler."

To the Editor of The Evening World: Louie is a bowler who is winning Austria, Persia, Brazil, &c., and has a "World" renown. He's the idol of the alley and the hero crit, geometry, algebra and trigonom-

of the town.

And then he's a wizard, but he never location of the City Hall, the County makes a strike. The strikes, he thinks, are easy; it's fice nor the name of the Comptroller.

the spares that Louis likes. She believes that deeds, &c., are regis-And Louis's an inventor, too; you bet tered in the Mayor's office, that the that boy's got a brain.

Bronx River is the boundary line be His new ball knocks the spindles down, tween New York and Connecticut, and and sets them up again. J. G. F. that Tammany Hall is a religious in stitution. W. S.

A Business Problem. To the Editor of The Evening World:

have at first?" CHARLES SMITH

To the Editor of The Evening Worlds

Many a young miss of sixteen summers, and one or two winters, beautiful and intelligent, intends to embark on the whirlpool of New York business life according to the best proposition offered financially. Although born and raised in the city of New York, and a graduate of our primary, grammar and

Will readers kindly solve the follow- To the Editor of The Evening World tng: "After losing \$2,600 in business A What reader who has shade the transfer who had the transfer wh and B dissolve partnership. A receives can settle this? A ways if a pail 125,200, B \$11,206. How much did each filled with water weighs 100 pa Education and Girls.

Who wrote "And Lang Syne?"

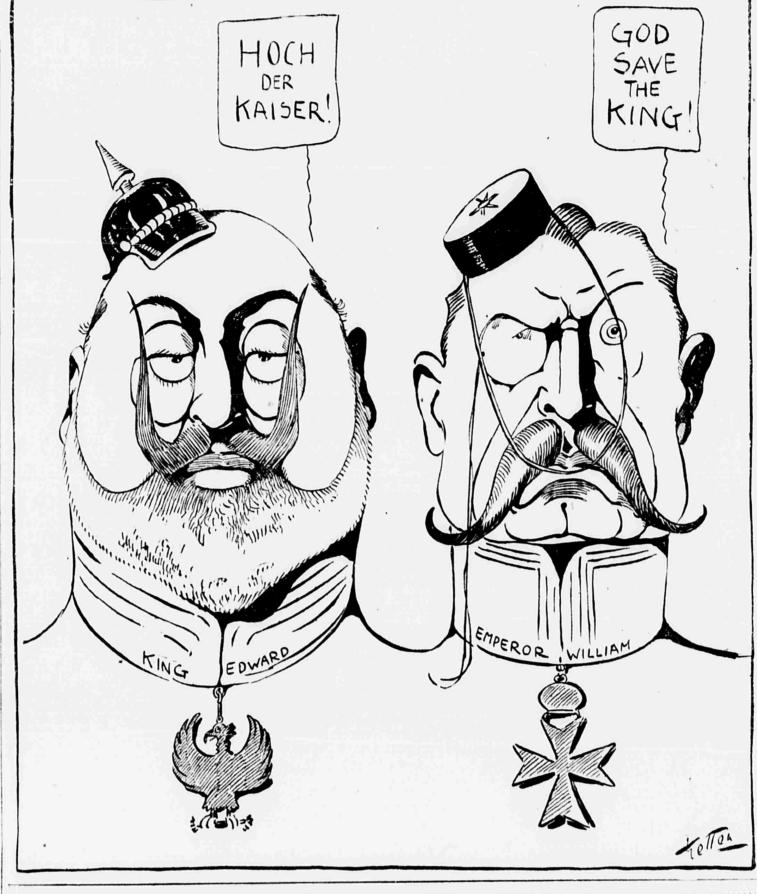
and Mississippi Rivers, the capitals of

Clerk's office, the City Treasurer's of-

high schools, receiving 100 per cent. in European history and geography, although she knows the names of the what the gas company means by with-Kings and Emperors of Rome and can holding our bills? I have not had one

Prosit!

By Maurice Ketten.



Mr. Jarr Is Tossed About in a Whirlwind of Housecleaning; He Flees From a Cold Breaktast and the Wrath of Mrs. Jarr

flew open, the window flew up, straighten up this room!"

The Joys of Youth

than to sleep an day, go down to your sate and to assert himself to the extent of wouldn't be so quick to smash things! next time.

coverlet going out Mr. Jarr feebly.

the bed cioties Then Mr. Jarr realized that the whirl- themselves on in a rage and fury to strident voice of the cook's reply in the poor husband could afford. ing brow or voices raised in fierce knees in dirty, soapy water.

dow came down up like a Christian person? I do de- could hear the voice of Mrs. Jarr in holding them half out and half in. This is a process known among women as for your clothes, I suppose they are in any lye down in it? No! That's left for In a process known among women as for your clothes, I suppose they are in any lye down in it? No! That's left for A cold breakfast was set forth on there!" So saying, Mrs. Jarr stirred up and then when it is sure to the dust from the floor thicker than and then when it's to be done I do it my-

A cold breakfast was set forth on

By J. K. Bryans

The Story of

Abraham

Personal Life and Anecdotes of the Martyr President A 14 14



Lincoln

Albert Payson Terhune

CHAPTER 3-A FIGHT FOR FAME.

Fall the good things I have ever done are remembered as long and as well as my scrape with Shields it is plain I shall not soon be for-

Thus wrote Abraham Lincoln long after the affair. Yet the "scrap" grew out of a splendid sense of chivalry and an effort at establishing honest politics. Therefore there was no need for the shame with which the hero of the affair always referred to it. Here is the story:

The State capital of Illinois had been moved from Vandalia to Spring-field. Thither Lincoln also moved. He was a Whig. James Shields was a le a Democratic official. Lincoln protested against certain party acts of Shields's which he considered against the interests of good government. He use! his keen, satiric wit as a scourge to lash Shields into better behavior. Many Todd is a course to lash Shields into better behavior. havior. Mary Todd (a young Kentucky girl who was living in springfield and to whom Lincoln was reported engaged) took up the quarrel and wrote for the local papers a series of anonymous contributions, in prose and verse, lampooning Shields and holding him up to the bitterest ridicule.

Shields was a hot-headed, brave young Irishman. He flew into a rage challenged the anonymous writer to mortal combat. Lincoln, to save Todd from notoriety, came forward and declared himself the only persor sponsible for the attacks. Shields challenged him. He accepted the def and chose the longest and largest available cavalry sabres as weapons. Shi was a famous swordsman. Lincoln knew almost nothing about fencing, but had arms as long and as strong as a gorilla's. He quietly told his friends he intended to act wholly on the defensive in the fight, but that he was rea should such a thing prove needful, to split Shields from the crown of the he

A "Duel" and a Joke.

as a strong man, did much to cool the Irishman's first gust of fury, When, a September morning in 1842 he and his friends reached "Bloody Island" in Mississippi, where the encounter was to take place, they found Lincoln aire on the spot, and amusing himself by lopping down with his sabre tree brane far too high and thick for any one else to sever. This sight was not reassur to the challenger. So when friends intervened, the two would-be duellists sented to shake hands and become friends. A crowd on the bank watched return of the combatants' boats from the island. Lincoln and his secon rigged up a log in a red shirt and placed it in the stern of one boat, where the distant spectators it had all the appearances of a man's body bathed

Here, as far as Shields was concerned, the quarrel ended. To Lincoln th consequences were far more serious. For his enampionship of Miss Todd said to have led to the renewal of their engagement, and two months lat (Nov. 4, 1842) the couple were married. Lincoln, some time earlier, had be attracted to Miss Todd. She was nervous, excitable, sharp witted, well ed cated, and in many ways different from any one Lancoin had known. She first fascinated him. Poor little Anne Rutledge had long been dead.

Lincoln and Mary Todd became engaged. For a time all went well. Then Mary began to be seen in public with a brilliant young lawyer, Stephen A Douglas, who was one day to be Lincoln's rival in a more important sense Whether Miss Todd cared for Douglas or merely encouraged him in order to make her fiance jealous, Lincoln promptly broke the engagement. Miss Tod wept when he told her their love story was at an end 'What else did you say?" asked a friend to whom Lincoln

"I found the tears trickling down my own cheeks," replied Lincoln;

caught her in my arms and kissed her. If I'm in again, so be it. It's dot

A Strange Marriage.

Nevertheless, when the day arrived for the wedding and the guests we all assembled, Lincoln did not appear. It was the only cowardly not of blameless, brave life. He could not go on with the marriage, and for week afterward he was plunged in an almost suicidal glown that led to a serio liness. Then came the . hields quarrel, the engagement was patched up and new date set for the wedding. A child, seeing Lincoln starting for the co mony, asked where he was going.

"To perdition, I suppose!" grouned the bridegroom.

A witness of the marriage describes him as "pale and trembling a. if being By Roy L. McCardell.

R. JARR was awakened by a whirlwind. The door of the room flew open, the window flaw unless get out of here and let me worthy of being worn again.

And using those new glass towels for diven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to see just why elt driven to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to laughter." It is difficult at this distance to laughter. "I wonder why they have to goad rejoinder-expected to hear at least the a week for board and lodging. Even this modest sum was almost more

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And Mr. Jarr was aware of the tive orator. In argument he was mercilessly clear and logical. His shre Before they were all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are? Why don't you hang your clothes are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are? Why don't you hang your clothes are all out the win- are all out the fact that even the servant was working from their sharp, unanswerable logic-was the fact that he made constant desperately and in awed and perhaps of illustrative anecdotes. These stories were simple-often vulgar-but t never failed to drive home the point he was seeking to make. His direct pierced every armor of polish and subtlety.

Coming to the Front.

Lincoln served four terms in the Legislature (being one of the imm bed itself was pushed aside from the wall and the broom fiew under it. Then the whiriwind spoke:

If you haven't anything better to do than to sleep all day, go down to your than the begistature (being one to the finithmore than the begistature t a time and trying to establish a foothold in his chosen profession. He was p niless, swamped by debt and facing a future that seemed to offer little. this merely strengthened his, resolve to succeed.

Meantime, while out of political office, he was working hard for the Whi party, and that party's foes learned to dread the sting of his tongue. At one campaign meeting George Forquer, a former Whig who had turned Democra (and who was known as the only man in Springfield whose house was equippe with a lightning rod), took occasion to sneer at Lincoln's grotesque manner of speech, and added that "the young man will have to be taken down." Lincoln sprang to his feet and retorted:

"It is not for me to say whether I am up or down. I desire to live and I desire place and distinction. But I would rather die now than, like Mr. Forquer, to see the day that I would change my politics for an office worth \$3,000 a year, and then feel compelled to erect a lightning-red to protect a guilty conscience from an offended God!"

This "lightning" joke became a byword. It killed Forquer, politically. In 1846, when he was only 35, Lincoln was elected to Congress. He had worked for years to earn this honor. His first act in the House of Representatives was to introduce a bill abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia. The bill failed to pass and Lincoln was denounced as a "negro-lover." came the Mexican war, which he opposed as foolish and needless. Such daring, honest opinions as his were not of the sort to curry favor with those in high power. So he served but a single term in Congress, going back then to his

private law practice. Zachary Taylor ran for President in 1848, and Lincoln did much in the Western States toward securing his election. In return Lincoln asked the one political favor of his life. He wanted to be a land commissioner. Taylor refused and gave the office to a more influential party follower. He offered Lincoln, by way of consolation, the Governorship of Oregon. Lincoln was tempted to accept the post, for it meant more money and higher position than he had ever enjoyed. But Mrs. Lincoln flatly refused to move westward and prevailed upon her husband to decline the honor. The man's future lay not on the western but the eastern side

Mrs. Lincoln unconsciously influenced her husband's career in many ways. Domestic strife drove him to greater public activities.

High hopes faint on a warm hearthstone;

He travels the fastest who travels alone.

Lincoln's hearthstone was warmed chiefly by his wife's flery temper. One man whom she had flercely scoided is said to have come to Lincoln for satisfaction. "Could not you endure for fifteen minutes what I endure all day and every

day?" was Lincoln's reported answer. By this time the future President was at the head of the Illinois bar. He was

also known as one of the very few lawyers who would take up a case that attacked the privileges of slave holders. Then, in 1854, occurred something that brought him into a national publicity

which he held henceforth to the day of his death.

"Hl, you, Willie! Wat's de matter? Nuthin'. I'm trainin' for a Marathon!" Oh, Jimmie, wouldn't we have a lovely ride if the world was all down

"Yes. But just think of pullin' de old sled way up again for a fresh start!"